

Board Meeting Minutes
July 3, 2018

Present via teleconference were:

Doug La Follette, Commissioner	Secretary of State
Matt Adamczyk, Commissioner	State Treasurer
Jonathan Barry, Executive Secretary	Board of Commissioners of Public Lands
Tom German, Deputy Secretary	Board of Commissioners of Public Lands
Vicki Halverson, Office Manager	Board of Commissioners of Public Lands
Richard Sneider, Chief Investment Officer	Board of Commissioners of Public Lands

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner La Follette called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m. He noted that Board Chair Schimel was not able to be on the teleconference.

ITEM 2. APPROVE MINUTES – JUNE 20, 2018

MOTION: Commissioner La Follette moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Adamczyk seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: The motion passed 2-0.

In hopes that Board Chair Schimel would be available to join the meeting, Commissioner La Follette delayed the discussion and vote on the approval of the loans (agenda item 3) and staff attendance at an out-of-state conference (agenda item 4).

ITEM 5. DISCUSS AND VOTE ON PROPOSED SUBMERGED LANDS LEASE – CITY OF ASHLAND

Deputy Secretary German explained that per Wisconsin state statutes BCPL is the leasing agent for lake beds and river beds. A portion of Chequamegon Bay on Lake Superior had been filled many years ago and had been used for a number of purposes over the years. The area was designed as a superfund site and requires significant remediation, which is nearly complete.

The city of Ashland wants to lease the property, make improvements, and open the area to the public as a city park, which will provide free and improved access to the bay. In the past, the Board has charged a nominal lease rate to municipalities for similar purposes. The DNR has conducted a Findings of Fact and concluded that the improvements are in the public’s best interest. BCPL staff is asking for the Board’s authority to issue the lease to the city of Ashland.

Commissioner La Follette questioned if it would be appropriate to delay approval of the lease. Deputy Secretary German replied that the city would like to obtain the lease now because DNR funds are available to develop the park. He added that if the DNR had concerns with the site, they would have been included in their Findings of Fact. Deputy Secretary German said if approval of the lease is delayed until September or October, the DNR funding may not be available.

Deputy Secretary German said the term of the lease would be 50 years with an annual lease payment of \$200. The revenues from submerged lands leases accrue to the General Fund and offset the agency’s expenditures.

Commissioner Adamczyk inquired about ownership and management of the submerged lands. Deputy Secretary German explained that, at the time of statehood, the Federal Government granted the bed of navigable waters to

the State of Wisconsin to hold in *trust* for the citizens of Wisconsin. In essence, BCPL is the leasing agent for those navigable waters.

The Commissioners took no action on the submerged lands lease and agreed to include it on the July 24 board meeting agenda.

Board Chair Schimel had not yet joined the meeting. Commissioners La Follette and Adamczyk discussed rescheduling the meeting to Friday, July 6, in order to take action on the remaining agenda items.

Commissioner Adamczyk asked if the agency had ever been audited. Deputy Secretary German said that indeed, BCPL had been audited nearly every year and that the audits were welcomed as they could potentially help the agency improve their operations. Every recent audit has been ‘clean’ in that there have been no significant issues identified for improvement. BCPL’s audit is not reported as a separate, distinct audit but can instead be found in the State Controller’s CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report).

ITEM 3. APPROVE LOANS

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Municipal Type</u>	<u>Loan Type</u>	<u>Loan Amount</u>
1. Conover Vilas County Application #: 02018158 Purpose: Purchase fire equipment	Town Rate: 4.00% Term: 2 years	General Obligation	\$70,000.00
2. Dewey Portage County Application #: 02018163 Purpose: Purchase truck with dump box	Town Rate: 4.00% Term: 4 years	General Obligation	\$46,201.00
3. Lake Michelle Lake District Iron County Application #: 02018157 Purpose: Finance dam replacement	Lake District Rate: 4.25% Term: 10 years	General Obligation	\$75,000.00
4. Reeseville Dodge County Application #: 02018162 Purpose: Replace lead service lines	Village Rate: 4.00% Term: 5 years	General Obligation	\$30,000.00
5. Salem Pierce County Application #: 02018161 Purpose: Purchase truck and attachments	Town Rate: 4.00% Term: 5 years	General Obligation	\$161,265.00
6. Scott Brown County Application #: 02018156 Purpose: Purchase business park land	Town Rate: 4.50% Term: 20 years	General Obligation	\$725,000.00

7.	Tiffany Dunn County Application #: 02018154 Purpose: Purchase plow truck	Town Rate: 4.25% Term: 10 years	General Obligation	\$170,440.00
8.	Tomahawk Lincoln County Application #: 02018159 Purpose: Finance road, stormwater, and bike trail projects	City Rate: 4.25% Term: 10 years	General Obligation	\$840,000.00
9.	Washburn Washburn County Application #: 02018160 Purpose: Finance road projects	County Rate: 4.00% Term: 2 years	General Obligation	\$755,000.00
10.	Whiting Portage County Application #: 02018164 Purpose: Finance water and sewer projects	Village Rate: 4.00% Term: 5 years	General Obligation	\$1,000,000.00
TOTAL				\$3,872,906.00

The Commissioners took no action on approving the loans, so they will be included on the next board meeting agenda.

ITEM 4. DISCUSS AND VOTE ON STAFF ATTENDANCE AT ESRI ANNUAL USER CONFERENCE, SAN DIEGO, JULY 8 – 13

Executive Secretary Barry noted that the employee selected to attend the conference is not able to attend so no further action is required.

ITEM 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

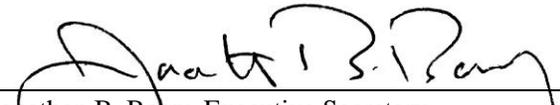
ITEM 7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Executive Secretary Barry referred the board to the investment transaction report that was included in their packet.

ITEM 8. ADJOURN

MOTION: Commissioner La Follette moved to adjourn the meeting and try to reschedule the meeting for Friday, July 6, at 2:00 PM; Commissioner Adamczyk seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM.


Jonathan B. Barry, Executive Secretary